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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed State Route 146/Cloud Springs Road widening/operations improvement project, PI Number 0013590. We are currently in the concept phase of this project and are here to gather information from the public as well as to share information that we have gathered thus far in the project planning process.

In this handout, you will find a description of the issues we are attempting to solve, a proposed solution, a location map, and a comment card for you to provide additional feedback for the project team.

Your comments are important to us. You may provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box near the exit. If you wish to provide your verbal comments, a court reporter is located onsite who will transcribe your comments and provide those to the project team.

If you prefer to leave comments after the meeting, you can also provide comments by **Tuesday, July 2, 2019** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/SpecialProjects/SR146>
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans seen here at the meeting will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT Area 2 Dalton Office located at 1313 North Tibbs Road Dalton, GA 30720. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above. All comments will become part of the project's official record and will be responded to by Friday August 2, 2019.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Theo Igbalajobi, at 404-631-1297 or the environmental analyst, Jordan Allen, at 404-631-1118 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Duff". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why are we here and what is the issue we are seeking to address within your community?

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is seeking feedback about a proposed solution to improve operations and reduce crashes on State Route 146 (Cloud Springs Road) from US 27 /SR 1 to Lakeview Drive in Catoosa County.

Current conditions along the SR 146 corridor:

- Crash rates in some areas at or above Georgia's average for this type of road
- No left or right turn lanes along SR 146 between US 27 /SR 1 & Fant Drive
- SR 146 Serves as a major connector (between Lafayette Road, I-75, and Old Dixie Highway) and currently has a "bottleneck" causing traffic delays at Lakeview Drive
- Several intersection angles with limited line of sight (view)
- Areas where three roadways come in at the same point or close to each other (example: SR 146/Cloud Springs Road @ Smith Lane @ McOtis Driveskews)
- No existing sidewalk or pedestrian accommodations within the project area

Without this Project (No Build):

- The lack of turn lanes would not be corrected
- The bottleneck causing traffic delays at Lakeview Drive would remain
- Intersections with limited sight distances would not be realigned to improve visibility for motorists
- Access points along the corridor would not be combined or reduced to assist in corridor improvements and traffic congestion mitigation
- The lack of sidewalks would not be addressed along the corridor; sidewalks increase pedestrian safety

Proposed Solution: (Also See Project Location Map attached)

In order to reduce crashes and improve traffic flow, GDOT proposes to widen Cloud Springs Road from US 27 /SR 1 to Lakeview Drive in Catoosa County for approximately 2.17 miles. The proposed project would consist of two 12 ft. travel lanes (one in each direction) from US 27/SR 1 to Cross Street, with a 14 ft. flush median from Cross Street to Fant Drive. A 20 ft. raised median is proposed from Fant Drive to Colony Cir (East), with four 12-ft. travel lanes (two in each direction) and a 20 ft. raised median from Colony Cir (East) to Lakeview Drive, where the project ties into the existing 4 lane section at Cloud Springs Road. Shoulders would be 12 ft. wide with a sidewalk to accommodate pedestrians along the corridor. Roundabouts are proposed at the SR 146 intersections with Cross Street and Fant Drive. Cul-de-sacs are proposed at Brown Circle and Smith Lane (East).

Benefits of Project Implementation:

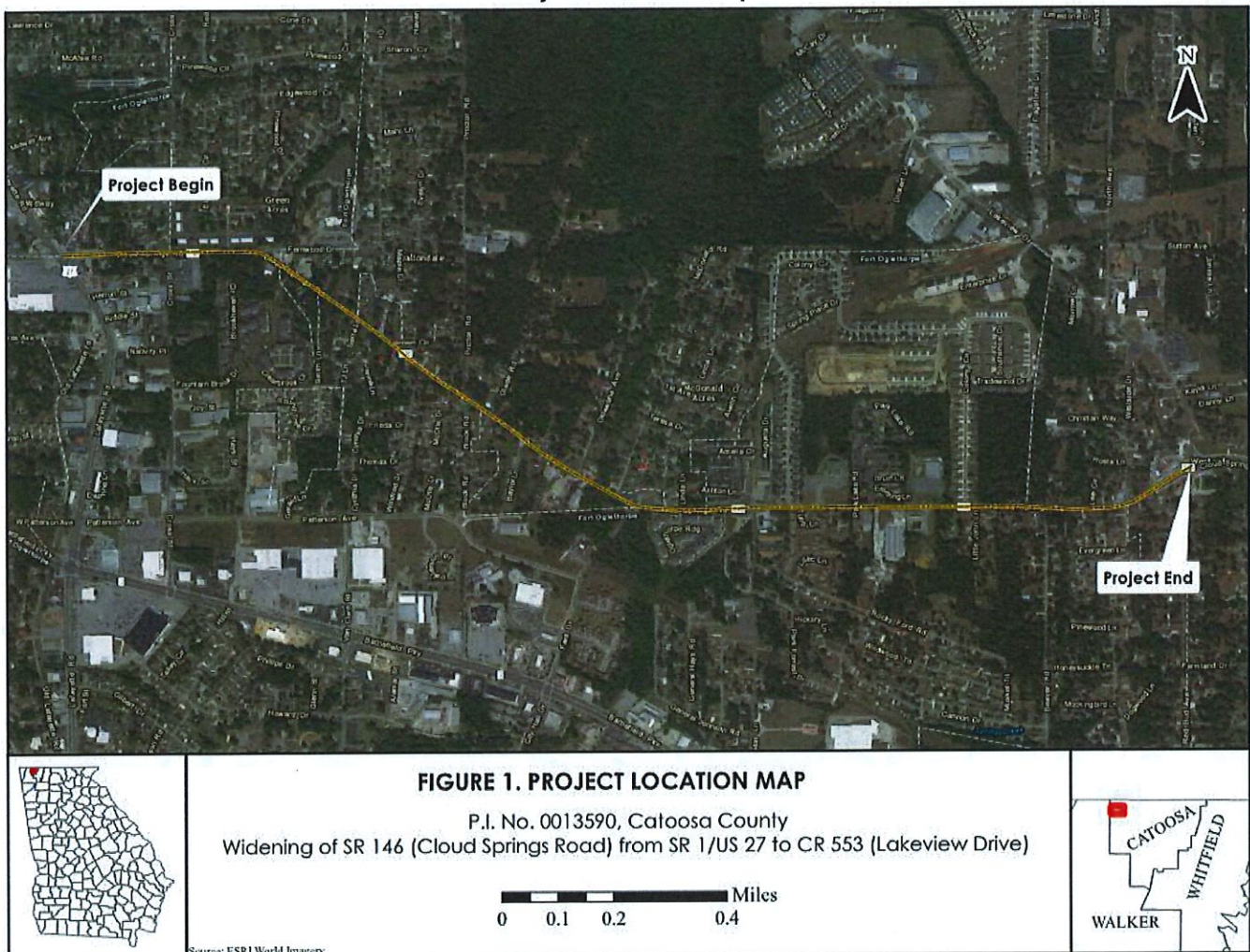
- Improved sight distance and the addition of turn lanes: moves left turning vehicles out of through lane
- Project proposes to add roundabouts at two locations along the corridor at Cross Street and Fant Drive; studies have shown roundabouts reduce crashes and improve operations by eliminating crossing conflicts and reduce delay when compared to a signalized intersection
- Improve merge at Lakeview Drive by extending the through lanes
- Realign intersections that currently have limited line of sight and potentially cul-de-sac access points at various locations
- Add sidewalks for walkability and safety enhancements for those walking on foot

How Can You Assist: Please provide feedback about our proposed solution as well as information about any resources important to you or to the community. Are there events that future construction may affect once it begins?

Where is this project in the process? This project is currently in the concept phase. The concept phase defines the existing issue seeking to be resolved along with a proposed solution that will meet the community's needs.

What are the Next Steps? After the public meeting is held, feedback will be assessed, revisions may occur to the proposed plan initially brought to the public or the no build alternative will be selected. Once a Concept Report is approved, the project alignment would be refined. If major changes occur to what was previously shown to the community, additional public outreach would occur. If no major changes are proposed, the project would advance to right-of-way acquisition and into final design. After all right-of-way acquisition occurs, project design is finalized, and the project would advance to construction.

Project Location Map



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project Choose an item (check your response)

☐ **For** ☐ **Against** ☐ **Conditional (I would support this project if... describe below)** ☐ **Uncommitted**

Comments: _____

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Advertising: How Did you hear about the meeting: ☐ Newspaper ☐ Signs ☐ GDOT Website ☐ Radio

☐ Word of mouth ☐ Social Media ☐ Other _____

Attendance: Did you attend in person? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Questions:	Answer	If answer is no please provide a suggestion/comment
Was the location convenient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Was the time convenient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were your questions answered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you understand the project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were Materials (in person or virtual) understandable	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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